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In the Matter of)
Federal-State Joint Board on) CC Docket No. 96-45
Universal Service)

To: The Common Carrier Bureau

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Puerto Rico Telephone Company (PRTC) by its attorneys hereby requests additional time to respond to certain data requests contained in the Bureau's July 9, 1997 order in the above-captioned proceeding. Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket 96-45, DA 97-1433, released July 9, 1997 (Bureau Order).

The Bureau Order seeks information to be used in validating models which are intended to estimate the cost of providing universal service. In certain instances information requested by the Bureau is already available or can be developed quickly. However, in other instances the information sought by the Bureau is not maintained in the form in which the Bureau has requested it or is not available at this time. For this reason, additional time is needed to respond to portions of the data request. PRTC's plan for submitting information in response to the data request is outlined below. PRTC's request for extension of

time relates to those items of data where the response date shown is other than August 15, 1997.

Universal Service Data Request

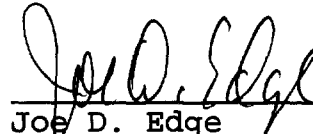
- (1) (a) (i) PRTC expects to submit study area level information by 8/15.
- (ii) PRTC expects to submit study area level information by 8/15.
- (iii) PRTC expects to submit study area level information by 8/15.
- (b) PRTC expects to submit study area level information by 8/15.
- (c) This information does not presently exist. PRTC is undertaking a review of plant and accounting records. PRTC expects to submit a response by 9/24.
- (d) This information does not presently exist. PRTC is undertaking a review of plant and accounting records. PRTC expects to submit a response by 9/24.
- (2) PRTC has an existing loop length study which provides information primarily for urban areas. PRTC will file this study on 8/15 and will file an updated study encompassing rural areas when completed. (Estimated completion date is 11/15).
- (3) PRTC does not have an existing subscriber line usage study. PRTC is currently developing such a study. PRTC expects to complete this study by 9/24.
- (4) PRTC expects to submit a response by 8/15.
- (5) This request requires analysis of accounting and plant records. PRTC can only provide total loop plant by account. PRTC will attempt to utilize a sample of loops and an average cost per foot to respond to this request. PRTC expects to provide the information described above by 9/24.
- (6) PRTC did not submit cable installation information to any commission in 1995 or 1996. PRTC is currently developing this information and expects to submit a response by 9/24.

- (7) No subscriber utilization study exists for PRTC. The company is currently developing such a study and will submit it by 9/24.
- (8) PRTC is currently developing this information. PRTC expects to submit a response by 9/24.
- (9) PRTC does not maintain this information. PRTC is analyzing its records to determine the amount of time needed for the provision of this information and will provide a time estimate to the Bureau when it has been established.
- (10) PRTC expects to submit a response by 8/15.
- (11) PRTC expects to submit a response by 9/24.
- (12) PRTC expects to submit a completed response by 9/24. PRTC can provide a partial response to this question by 8/15.
- (13) PRTC expects to submit a response by 8/15.
- (14) PRTC expects to submit a response by 9/24.
- (15) PRTC expects to submit a response by 8/15.
- (16) PRTC expects to submit a response by 8/15.
- (17) PRTC expects to submit a response by 8/15.
- (18) The requested information does not exist in this form. Development of response to parts a through d of this request will require a detailed analysis of accounting and billing records. PRTC expects to submit a response by 9/24. PRTC does not maintain the data described in part e of this request. PRTC is analyzing its records to determine the amount of time needed for the provision of this information and will provide a time estimate to the Bureau when it has been established.
- (19) PRTC expects to submit a response by 8/15.
- (20) PRTC expects to submit a response by 8/15.
- (21) PRTC expects to submit a response by 8/15.

For the reasons set forth above, PRTC respectfully requests additional time to respond to certain elements of the Bureau's July 9, 1997 data request.

Respectfully submitted,

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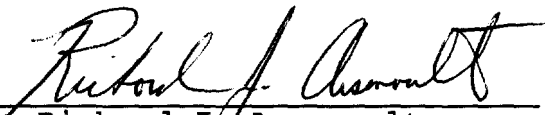
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Richard J. Arsenault, certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Request for Extension of Time of Puerto Rico Telephone Company were delivered by hand delivery, on August 8, 1997, to the following:

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